

Hazardous Materials Endorsement Application and Renewal Information

November 24, 2004 the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) published an Interim Final Rule changing the fingerprint based background check requirement for all new and existing Hazardous Material Endorsement holders. Under the rule:

- Effective January 31, 2005, <u>new</u> endorsement applicants must be fingerprinted and pass the required background check prior to receiving the hazardous materials endorsement. The fee for fingerprinting is \$94.00. Payment for fingerprinting must be made at the time the application is submitted by credit card, electronic check or by a Western Union electronic money order. If completing the application in person, arrangement for payment must be made prior to arriving for fingerprinting. Payment of the TSA fee and the FBI fee are the responsibility of the applicant or the applicant's employer.
- Effective May 31, 2005, applicants for a renewal or transfer must be fingerprinted and pass the required background check prior to the expiration of their endorsement. Fingerprint processing fees will be included with the driver's license renewal notice.
- TSA has changed the rule concerning transferring a hazardous material endorsement from one state to another so that drivers do not have to undergo a new background check when obtaining a license in a new state if they have had a background check completed within the last five years. However, TSA has given States authority to require a background check prior to the 5-year expiration upon transferring. Check with individual States for their specific requirements.

 TSA has selected a vendor to act as TSA Agent for the fingerprinting and submission of prints. The Department has elected to use the TSA agent to collect the fingerprints, fees and application. Fingerprinting cannot be done by law enforcement or through private fingerprinting services. Any fingerprints taken by law enforcement or through a private vendor will not be accepted.

Fingerprinting Location: 3075 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 102

Las Vegas

Hours: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday

Additional sites are located in Roseville, California; Redding, California; Bakersfield, California; Long Beach, California; Boise, Idaho; and Salt Lake City, Utah

Website: www.hazprints.com

TSA Help Desk: 1-877-429-7746

Applications should be submitted online at www.hazprints.com or by phone to the TSA Help Desk at 1-877-429-7746. It is preferred that the application be completed online or by phone prior to going to any fingerprint location. You may also call the number above to check the status of an application previously submitted.

- TSA is changing the standards to permit certain aliens who are qualified to hold a CDL license to apply for a security threat assessment and, reclassifying and changing disqualifying offenses. Please visit the DMV Website at www.dmvnv.com or TSA's Website at www.tsa.gov for a list of disqualifying offenses. If you have any of the discriminating offenses, you must surrender your HazMat endorsement immediately.
- If TSA determines that an applicant does not meet the standards for holding a Hazmat endorsement, TSA will issue an Initial Determination of Threat Assessment to the applicant. This will include the basis for the determination and instructions on the appeals process. All appeals will be processed through TSA.

For more information about the TSA requirements, please contact Debbie Wilson at (775) 684-4778.